

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, which starts with "The upper mold", with the following amended paragraph:

The upper mold, which is attached to a ram of a press, ascends and descends by the activation of the ram, and presses the glass gob in the bottom mold to form the flat panel 10. After the flat panel 10 is formed, in order to open the upper mold without scratches on an inner surface of the skirt portion 13, a taper surface, which has a predetermined angle, should be provided to the inner surface of the skirt portion 13. The taper surface is set to be at least 5 mm in length. Therefore, the skirt portion 13 should have a length ~~[[of]]~~ which is at least 10 mm longer than T1 for the press-forming thereof in consideration of the size of the blend round portion and the length of the taper surface. In addition, the overall height of the flat panel 10 should be equal to or less than $D \times 0.12$.